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#### ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ABC acceptable biological catch
ABOF Alaska Board of Fisheries

ADF&G Alaska Department of Fish and Game

AEB AI East Borough
AFA American Fisheries Act

AFSC NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center

AI Aleutian Islands

Alaska Stream Alaska Coastal Current
AP Council's Advisory Panel
APA Administrative Procedures Act

BB Bristol Bay
BOF Board of Fisheries
BS Bering Sea

BSAI Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
CDQ community development quota
CEQ Council on Environmental Quality
CFEC Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CG Central GOA cm centimeter

CH critical habitat (as defined under ESA)
CMSA consolidated metropolitan statistical area
Council North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Councils Fishery Management Councils

CPUE catch per unit effort
CV coefficient of variation

CVOA catcher vessel operational area

CWT coded wire tag

CZMA Coastal Zone Management Act
DAH domestic annual harvest
DAP domestic annual processing

DCPL daily cumulative production logbook

DEIS Draft EIS

DFL daily fishing logbook

DPGSEIS Draft Programmatic Groundfish SEIS

DRG scallop dredge

DSR demersal shelf rockfish
DSR demersal shelf rockfish
E.O. Executive Order

EA environmental assessment
EAI Eastern Aleutian Islands
EBS Eastern Bering Sea
EEZ exclusive economic zone
EFH essential fish habitat

EG Eastern GOA

EIS environmental impact statement
ENSO El Niňo/Southern Oscillation

EOs executive orders

ESA Endangered Species Act

Contents

ESU evolutionarily significant unit
FMP fishery management plan
FMU fishery management unit
FO frequency of occurrence

FONSI finding of no significant impact

FR Federal Register

FWCA Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

GHL guideline harvest level
GHRs guidelines harvest ranges
GIS geographic information system

GKC Golden King Crab GOA Gulf of Alaska

GPS global positioning system
GRS groundfish retention standard

ha hectare

HAPC habitat area of particular concern HCP National Habitat Conservation Policy

HLA harvest limit area

ICA incidental catch allowance
IFQ individual fishing quota
IFR interim final rule

INPFC International North Pacific Fisheries Commission

IPHC International Pacific Halibut Commission IR/IU improved retention and improved utilization

IRFA initial regulatory flexibility analysis

ITAC interim total allowable catch ITQ individual transferable quota

JIG dinglebar troll km kilometer

LEI long-term effect indices
LLP License Limitation Program

LOA length overall

m meter

M natural mortality rate

Magnuson-Stevens Act Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

MMPA Marine Mammal Protection Act

MPA marine protected area

MRA maximum retainable amount
MRB maximum retainable bycatch
MRR Marine Research Reserve

MRV Marine Reserve

MSST minimum stock size threshold MSY maximum sustainable yield

mt metric ton

NAO NOAA Administrative Order
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

nm nautical mile

NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service
NMML National Marine Mammal Laboratory

NOA notice of availability

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOI Notice of Intent

NORPAC catch

Contents

NPFMC (Council) North Pacific Fishery Management Council

NPT nonpelagic trawl

NRC National Research Council

OFL overfishing level OFL overfishing level

OMB Office of Management and Budget

OY optimum yield OY optimum yield

PBR potential biological removal PDO Pacific decadal oscillation

PR proposed rule

PSC prohibited species catch
PSC Pacific Salmon Commission
PSQ prohibited species quota
PTR pelagic trawl gear
Pub. L. Public Law

RACE fishery geographic information data resources

RAM restricted access management

REFM NMFS AFSC Resource Ecology and Fisheries Management Division

RFA Regulatory Flexibility Act
RIR regulatory impact review
RKCSA Red King Crab Savings Area

ROD record of decision

RPA reasonable and prudent alternatives
SAFE Stock assessment and fishery evaluation

SBREFA Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

SCA Steller sea lion conservation area

SCUBA self-contained underwater breathing apparatus

Secretary Secretary of Commerce

SEIS supplemental environmental impact statement

SPR spawning per recruit

SSC Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee

TAC total allowable catch U.S.C. United States Code

USCG United States Coast Guard

USDOC United States Department of Commerce
USDOI United States Department of the Interior
USFWS United States Fish and Wildlife Service

VIP Vessel Incentive Program
VMP Vessel Moratorium Program
VMS vessel monitoring system
WAI Western Aleutian Islands

WG Western GOA

WHSA Winter herring savings area
WPR weekly production report
WYK West Yakutat Area